

SEPA Environmental Event Report

Elms Event Number ENV/0898324
Event Description Odour complaints for 2 Sisters

Notification Number 1

Reported By

Surname
Forename
Organisation Name
Address 1
Address 2
Address 3
Town
Post Code
Tel No
Fax No
Email Address

Origin Public Complainant
Affected Medium Air
Investigating Team Falkirk, Alloa, Stirling and Perth
Investigating Officer

Receiving Officer

Time Received 13:42:00
Date Received 22-APR-19

Time Responded 19:56:00
Date Responded 22-APR-19
Within 24? Yes

Location

Located Notifiers Address? Yes

Date Event Occurred 22-APR-19

Site Name 2 Sisters Poultry Limited, Coupar Angus

RSA Site? No

Catchment

Mental H&S Assessment Low

Assessment Description

Impact Category 4 - Other

Type Odour

Cause Unknown

Sector Industry

Source IPC / PPC part A

Sepa Activity PPC

Potential Hazard

Farm Name

Complainants Notified? Yes **Details**

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reported: "the usual sort of rotten kind of smell", "wasn't as bad as it sometimes is", "a rotten chicken smell that they're all very used to", "not spreaders, not the sewage works", "noticeable rather than intolerable", Rated a 2.

The odour was reportedly first noticed at 01:30 am on 22/04/2019, but was not present at the time of reporting to SEPA.

subsequently reported on 22/04/2019 at 18:30: "The whole Easter weekend the chicken factory in Coupar Angus has been stinking! I can't open my windows, sit in my garden or hang out washing due to the smell.... I have complained numerous times and never get a response I'm sick of it. It is reeking of dead flesh. What's the point of having a lovely garden if I want to throw up every time I open my front door?". However, no contact details were left by for SEPA to get back to her with an update.

A SEPA Officer () attended site on 23/04/19 (when Officers were next in the office) and undertook an odour assessment around the site and key streets. No significant odours were detected. SEPA also contacted the Manager on site () to ask for the findings of their regular standard odour assessments over the last few days and to identify the potential source. No source was confirmed, however reported the Dutch barn fans were running throughout the hot weather to keep the birds cool prior to being processed. The mortality rate during hot weather is reported to be severe, but with an odour of feathers rather than effluent / liquor. As the temperature was cooler on 23/04/2019, the aim was to reduce the fan operation.

ZB sent email update to on 25/04/2018 (Copy saved in file folder) returned for a follow-up odour assessment on 25/04/2019. no offensive odours were detected.

29/04/2019 returned from A/L and carried out an ad-hoc odour assessment (FIDOL) with Between 14:15hrs and 15:04hrs at various locations around Coupar Angus i.e Kings Road / Princess croft / Union st etc (see file spreadsheet) No odour was detected. Arrived on site approx. 15:15hrs spoke with who again advised that they attributed any potential odour over the Easter weekend from the Dutch barn and the fans which keep the birds cool. Points to address from the meeting: The site do carry out their own odour assessments on site however SEPA advised that this procedure should be revised as it is carried out by engineers who work in the DAF plant and so are not as receptive/ sensitive to odour (the majority of their assessments detected no odour) Advised that odour assessments should be carried out by 2 sisters outside the site boundary also. The aim would be to detect odour issues early on and so take action to identify the source / reduce complaints. Additionally asked to provide further information on their maintenance regime for the carbon filters to ensure the abatement is working as should be. NFA at present: The offensive odour was not substantiated at the time (standby officers attending other major incident at time- Mossmorran). On-going work with the site to address odour issues.